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Docket No: Q58571

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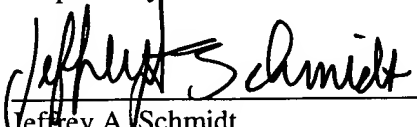
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Sir:

On November 4, 2004, Applicants submitted an IDS along with a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and a statement under Rule 1.704(d). Applicants have received a notice from the PTO indicating that the November 4 IDS was not considered because it failed to include a statement under Rule 1.97(e). This notice is in error. Attached is a copy of Applicants' November 4 submission, including a copy of the Rule 1.97(e) statement and PTO-date-stamped post card submitted therewith. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references as cited November 4, and return an initialed PTO form-1449 so indicating.

Respectfully submitted,

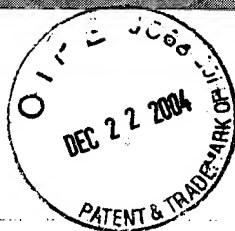
  
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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications if this application was filed after June 30, 2003; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicant is submitting herewith a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

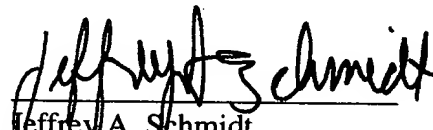
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed thirty days or fewer from the communication from a foreign patent office and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d) is attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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